

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 16th, 2024

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

EI2WRC is thrilled to announce that the SWL for 2024 for their annual “Sponsor A SWL” initiative is 16-year-old, Nikita Zdunek EI2069. The initiative, which was set up in 2023, involves the club reaching out to a selected SWL from the southeast region each year who has shown serious interest in completing the online HAREC course and getting his or her licence. As part of the venture, the club will give free membership to the EI2WRC club for one year. The club will also pay for the person’s membership of the IRTS to complete the online HAREC course with the NSWLC and also pay for the HAREC course guide. In addition, the club will pay the exam fee for the chosen SWL to sit their exam.

EI2WRC club members will also act as mentors and will be always available to provide assistance to the SWL while doing the HAREC course if he or she is having issues or difficulties with any aspect of the course. Everyone in EI2WRC wishes Nikita the very best of luck as he sets out on the road to getting his licence and EI callsign.

The June meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place on Monday, June 24th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University, Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. Eircode X91 WR86. Please note new location. Anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

The 51st AGM of North Dublin Radio Club

The 51st Annual General Meeting of the North Dublin Radio Club, EI0NDR, was held on Saturday the 8th of June in the Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre. It was well attended, and a lively discussion took place on the future of the club, including participation in the upcoming International Lighthouse Weekend event and the Dublin Maker. Deceased members were remembered with a minute's silence. Following the Chairman's, Secretary's, and Treasurer's reports, the new committee was elected. They are as follows: Chairman Brian EI8LC, Secretary Howard EI9LC, Treasurer Tony EI6K, Station Manager Chris EI5HHB, Project Manager Tony EI5EM, PRO and IRTS Club Representative Garret EI7KX.

The Willie Barron, EI6BUB Memorial Trophy was awarded to Mick EI6IKB for service to the club, especially in organising the International Lighthouse Weekend over the last two years. Willie Barron was a former chairman of the club and served as president of the IRTS. The trophy, in his honour, was designed and presented to the club by Ray, EI7AHB, sadly also a silent key. Unfortunately, Mick couldn't attend the meeting to receive his well-merited award. The club is in a healthy financial state and recently purchased an IC7300 transceiver, which was on display at the meeting. When the meeting concluded, members posed for photographs for the archives. The club is looking forward to a great year ahead.

Collective Communication Update

Collective Communication report that following their highly successful portable satellite weekend at Kilmurrin Cove, Waterford last weekend, the club will be teaming up with the Copper Coast scout group for JOTA later this year. According to the club, they now have a proven ability to operate through the only operational amateur geostationary satellite, Es'hail QO-100. They now intend to utilize the ability to enable the scouts to make contact with other scout groups under qualified supervision via this very reliable communication satellite with predictable propagation ability, no QSB, or QRN and good signal to noise ratio. They cite a further benefit is that they won't have to concern themselves with the possibilities of contest operators causing QRM to their signals over the JOTA weekend.

Collective Communication ask that if you have the equipment to make contacts through the QO-100 satellite and intend to team up with a scout group for JOTA, please get in touch with their club secretary John 086 870 9265 to arrange a possible scout-to-scout sked during the JOTA weekend.

May Edition of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Newsletter

The May edition of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System newsletter has been published. In this most recent newsletter, they report that many intruder and inferring transmissions on the HF amateur radio bands have continued despite the significant solar disruption during this time period. Strange and unusual transmissions have been observed. On the 20-meter amateur radio band, the transmission of several types of wideband orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (or OFDM) typically used for digital communication were noted. These were supposedly of Russian origin according to the report. You can read more about the observed signals and watch short video examples of them yourself by downloading the newsletter from the monitoring system page at www.iaru-r1.org

Radio Rally Update

On Saturday next, June 22nd, the Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society Rally will take place. The venue is Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church Halls, Bangor BT19 1UH. This is approximately 5km outside Bangor on the main road to Belfast. Doors open at 11 a.m. The society can be contacted via their Facebook page for more information.

Contests

The next RSGB 3.5MHz Club Championship CW Contest takes place on Wednesday next, June 19th. It will run from 1900 to 2030 UTC. The exchange is RST plus serial number. Further information may be found at www.rsgbcc.org

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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